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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: DEVELOPMENT IN NARCOTICS ACTION PROGRAM

1. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND SAIC HAD EXTENDED CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL MOACYR COELHO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL POLICE. COELHO OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED FEDERALIPOLICE APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF FOUR ADDITIONAL DEA AGENTS TO BRAZIL. COELHO ADDED THAT HE HAD SUPPORT FROM "HIGHER AUTHORITY" (PRESUMABLY THE MINISTE OF JUSTICE) FOR THE ASSIGNMENT AND DID NOT EXPECT EMBASSY TO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN CONVINCING FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. IT BECAME EVIDENT EARLY IN CONVERSATION THAT LOELHO'S PURPOSE FOR MEETING WAS TO PRESENT HIS BILL FOR APPROVAL OF NEW DEA AGENTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD BEEN PROMISED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOB SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES FOR REORGANIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF
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FEDERAL POLICE. IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO MAKE

THAT BODY THE FINEST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN BRAZIL. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR TRIPLING THE NUMBER OF FEDERAL POLICE AGENTS OVER THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS (FROM CURRENT LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 4,000). HE EXPECTED THE FOUR NEW DEA AGENTS TO ASSUME MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TRANSFORMING THE DPF NARCOTICS DIVISION INTO A MODEL OF ITS KIND IN LATIN AMERICA. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS LIST PRIORITY AREAS IN COELHO'S PROGRAM.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF A NETWORK OF NARCOTICS INFORMANTS IN BRAZIL ESPECIALLY ALONG THE URUGUAYAN-PARAGUAYAN-ARGENTINE AND BOLIVIAN BORDERS AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY OF THE DPF. RECENT MEETING IN BRASILIA OF DPF REGIONAL DIRECTORS ASSESSED THIS AS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. SAIC GAVE ASSURANCES THAT THIS PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED AFTER THE STAFFING OF THE DEA OFFICES AT SAO PAULO AND RIO DE JANEIRO. WE ARE AWARE THAT PLANNING SECTION OF NARCOTICS DIVISION IS ASSEMBLING LOGISTICAL DATA TO SUPPORT LARGE-SCALE DPF OPERATIONS ALONG SOUTHERN BORDERS.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF NARCOTICS COURSE IN UPGRADED FEDERAL POLICE ACADEMY. COELHO IS PARTICULARLY PROUD OF HIS ARMY SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ESTABLISHING TWO SERVICE SCHOOLS. HE INTENDS TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO REVITALIZE THE MORIBUND DPF ACADEMY. TRAINING OF THE EXPECTED INFLUX OF NEW AGENTS IS HIS FIRST PRIORITY. HOWEVER, HE IS ALSO PROJECTING THE USE OF THE ACADEMY FOR THE TRAINING OF STATE POLICE OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN POLICE OFFICERS. COELHO IS VERY STRONG ON CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING SIX-WEEK DEA-TYPE COURSE AS PART OF PERMANENT ACADEMY CURRICULUM. HE BELIEVES THAT TRAINING OF BRAZILIAN AGENTS ABROAD IS FEASIBLE ONLY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER AND EXPENSIVE. HIS BASIC IDEA IS THAT DEA COURSE BE TRANSLATED INTO PORTUGUESE, INCLUDING TEXTS AND OTHER TEACHING AIDS, DUBBING OF FILMS, ETC. A HAND-PICKED DPF TEAM WOULD BE TRAINED BY DEA TO GIVE THE COURSE. COURSE WOULD BE INSTALLED AND MONITORED BY DEA TO INSURE SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF INSTRUCTION. COELHO IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT ON-THE-SPOT BRIEFING AND TOUR OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ACADEMY WITH NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND SAIC. WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS CONCEPT AT THAT TIME.

5. EQUIPMENT. DEA REPRESENTATIVES WOULD WORK WITH DPF PLANNING STAFF TO DETERMINE EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF AUGMENTED NARCOTICS DIVISION. WHILE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST MADE, IT IS EVIDENT THAT COELHO EXPECTS U.S. SUPPORT FOR EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, EMBASSY ALSO HAS

COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE FROM MINISTRY OF PLANNING TO
CONTRIBUTE TO DPF PROGRAM NEEDS.

6. WHILE NOT PRESENTED ON SAME BASIS OF PRIORITY
ITEMS ABOVE, DISCUSSION ALSO HELD ON POSSIBILITY OF
U.S. SUPPORT FOR NARCOTICS SEMINAR IN BRASILIA ALONG
LINES OF MULTINATIONAL SEMINAR ON NARCOTICS, NOV. 15-18, 1972
HELD IN BOGOTA. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT VENEZUELA PROPOSED
BRAZIL AS THE SITE OF THE NEXT MEETING. OBJECTIVE IS TO INVITE TWO
POLICE OFFICERS FROM EACH SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY AND
PERHAPS ALSO PANAMA AND MEXICO. PARTICIPANTS WOULD
BE HOUSED IN POLICE ACADEMY, STUDENTS' APARTMENTS,
AND BOARDED AT ACADEMY DINING ROOM. SUPPORT WOULD BE
REQUIRED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF
FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS AND IS ESTMATED AT \$40,000.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONSIDERS COELHO'S PRESENTATION
COMBINATION OF GOOD AND NOT-SO-GOOD NEWS. IT IS
APPARENT THAT DPF IS GEARING UP FOR MAJOR EFFORT IN
NARCOTICS FIELD. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT DPF EXPECTS
CONCOMITANT INCREASE IN U.S. SUPPORT FOR THIS EFFORT.
IT IS EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT THAT SUPPORT
LEVELS PRVIOUSLY REPORTED WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY
DPF WITH CAVEAT THAT WE ARE SPEAKING OF MULTI-YEAR PRO-
GRAMS WITH NUMBER OF VARIABLES. (SEE FY 76 USAID FIELD
PROGRAM AND BUDGET SUBMISSION, JULY 31, 1974.) EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE DETERMINATION FROM DEPARTMENT AND DEA
AS TO FEASIBILITY OF U.S.SUPPORT FOR ABOVE PROJECTS
SO THAT NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND SAIC WILL KNOW WHETHER
TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION AND PLANNING OF PROPOSALS
IN DETAIL OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO TURN DPF OFF.
UNDERSTANDABLY, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY COELHO'S
ENTHUSIASM, COOPERATION AND DRIVE AND WISH TO CAPITALIZE
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ON PRESENT MOMENTUM. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND,
HOWEVER, THAT COELHO IS SHREWD, CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR
AND CANNOT BE PUT OFF FOR VERY LONG WITH RHETORIC.
IN ADDITION, COELHO IS EXPECTD TO BE CHIEF OF POLICE
FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. IN SHORT, WE ARE AT THE FISH
OR CUT BAIT STAGE OF THE BRAZILIAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM.
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